





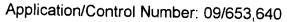
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THE I - External form of the control	ORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION. nsions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.13 SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period were to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, eply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing and patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).	36(a). In no event, however, may a reply be time within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from cause the application to become ABANDONE	nely filed s will be considered timely. the mailing date of this communication. O (35 U.S.C. § 133).			
1)⊠	Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 J	anuary 2002 .				
2a) <u></u> ☐	This action is FINAL . 2b) Thi	is action is non-final.				
3) 🗌	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.					
Dispositi	on of Claims					
4)🖂	Claim(s) 1-60 is/are pending in the application					
	4a) Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.					
5) 🗌	Claim(s) is/are allowed.					
6)[6) Claim(s) is/are rejected.					
7)	Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
8)	Claim(s) 1-60 are subject to restriction and/or e	election requirement.				
Applicati	on Papers					
9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.						
10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.						
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).						
11) 🔲 🗆	he proposed drawing correction filed on	is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapprov	ved by the Examiner.			
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.						
·	The oath or declaration is objected to by the Exa	aminer.				
Priority u	nder 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120					
13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).						
a)[a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:					
	1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.					
	2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No					
	3. Copies of the certified copies of the priori application from the International Burdee the attached detailed Office action for a list of the	eau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	•			
14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).						
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received. 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.						
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1)	of References Cited (PTO-892) of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) nation Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s)	5) Notice of Informal P	(PTO-413) Paper No(s) atent Application (PTO-152)			



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DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's Election/Amendment of Group I without traverse in Paper 5, filed 1/9/02 has been acknowledged.

Claims 61-93 have been canceled.

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 19-37, drawn to an integrated circuit, classified in class 257, subclass 758.
- II. Claims 1-18, drawn to a contact, classified in class 174, subclass 255.
- III. Claims 37-60, drawn to memory cell, classified in class 365, subclass 104
 The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I, II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as being an component for an electrical connection. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.



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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander O Williams whose telephone number is (703) 308 4863. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:30-7:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn can be reached on (703) 308 6601. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308 7722 for regular communications and (703) 308 7724 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308 0956.

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